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Applicant : Staimer et al.  
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INCLUDING SPIRAL FLUIDIC  
CIRCUITS FOR PERFORMING  
ASSAYS  
Examiner : Latoya Cross  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.